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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Assistant Director, Special Activities

SUBJECT : Reiteration of priority of OSA's Position in the Agency

1. A few years back the forefathers of this division enjoyed a priority within the Agency which permitted, and probably in more instances caused, Agency support elements to render timely and effective support to the AQUATONE project. This support not only permitted a more effective job to be accomplished by the AQUATONE personnel, but also freed their hands from the unnecessary niceties and bureaucracy of administration. In the past three years, however, I have witnessed the degradation of this priority to the extent where in many instances we are coming up with second best in Agency support.

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2. About a year ago Special Projects began to feel the pinch of second-rate support when all the hands in the Agency were pulling to support the Cuban show. Since we had a piece of this in [REDACTED] it was not readily noticeable or rather condoned in an understanding light. The Cuban show is long over, however, and we still must await our belated turn for clericals and secretaries. [REDACTED] who at one time could obtain instant service from Central Processing now finds his cries of urgency falling upon stone ears.

3. I would suggest that we take some steps, possibly through General Carter and/or Red White, to notify the supporting elements of the Agency that we are still Number One on the work parade and should receive prompt and thorough support. Over to you.

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Executive Officer, OSA

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